

REMARKS

Claims 1-27, and 29 have been canceled. Claims 35 and 36 have been amended. Thus, claims 28 and 30-38 are pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

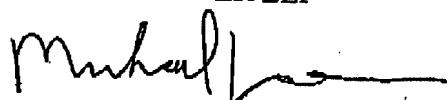
The Examiner stated that claims 35 and 36 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. The Examiner stated that claims 35 and 36 more reasonably depend from claim 38. Claims 35 and 36 have been amended to depend on claim 38.

The Examiner stated that claims 28, 30-34, 37, and 38 are allowed. All other claims have been canceled.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at telephone number (408) 255-8001.

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